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A Monthly Newsletter for the Southeast Michigan Military Community

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Merry Christmas!

AMVETS Gives 5th Donation for Military Families

by Edwin Morales-Aviles

Financial Readiness Program Manager

Mount Clements AMVETS Post 29 continues to make the difference for military families during the holidays. For the fifth year, the members of the post made a generous donation to support our military community through the Selfridge Community Service (SCS) office. On November 7, Mr. Robert Graves, U.S. Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal Manager, accepted a check for \$2,800 from Post 29's Commander Larry Spodeck and First Vice Commander Chuck Petch.

Each year the amount donated by the members of Post 29 has averaged over \$2,500. Donations like this one show that
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Mr. Robert Graves, Manager, USAG-DTA (right), accepts a check from Mr. Larry Spodeck, Commander of AMVETS Post 29, while Mr. Chuck Petch, First Vice Commander of AMVETS Post 29, looks on.

USAG-DTA Holds Army Family Covenant Signing Ceremony



TACOM LCMC Commanding General MG William M. Lenaers is pictured showing the signed Army Family Covenant document to CPT Paul Streetman, Legal Office, and his family while Mrs. Lorel Lenaers, CSM Otis and Shiela Cuffee, TACOM LCMC Sergeant Major, and Robert Graves, Manager, USAG-DTA, observe.

by Bill Gattie

TACOM LCMC Public Affairs

The Army Family Covenant signing ceremony at the Detroit Arsenal was held on November 6 in the building 200 auditorium. The Army Family Covenant is a signed agreement that demonstrates the Army's commitment to improving the quality of life for our Soldiers and their families and is being signed at Army installations all over the world. The covenant was signed by Command Sergeant Major Otis Cuffee, U.S.
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Domino's Joins the Army Spouse Employment Partnership

by Lori Grein, Volunteer Corps Manager

Domino's Pizza, LLC, is the newest Fortune 500 Company to be added to the ever-growing list of corporate sponsors involved with the Army Spouse Employment Partnership (ASEP) program. By partnering with various corporate sponsors, ASEP provides Army spouses opportunities for employment without regard to how often they may relocate.

The Detroit News featured a positive information article which revealed how the U.S. Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal (USAG-DTA) Army Community Service Employment Readiness program helps find employment for Soldiers once their commitment to serving our country is fulfilled. The numerous success stories of Kent Brickman, Employment Readiness Program Manager, sparked the interest of the executives from Domino's Pizza. They were inspired and they wanted to help.

Domino's, a Michigan-based company, contacted Brickman and expressed their interest in taking an active role to help with employment opportunities for our Michigan Soldiers.

Thrilled with the prospective business venture Domino's represented for our military, Brickman introduced the ASEP program. By working through ASEP, Domino's would be able to expand their vision from simply helping Soldiers to helping their spouses as well. Great news, but Brickman envisioned an even larger picture.

ASEP can be local, state or nationwide rollouts. "At this point, seeing an opportunity," stated Brickman, "I asked Domino's if they might be interested in attempting to be an ASEP member on a nationwide scale." Domino's was absolutely delighted with the idea!

Brickman set the wheels in motion by contacting appropriate representatives and providing Domino's with all essential application information. After the Domino's legal department thoroughly reviewed the proposal, authorization was granted to move forward with the plan.

Domino's and USAG-DTA staff then partnered to meet for a combined brainstorming session with one goal in mind

– to discuss which components would be of most help to Service members and their families.

Domino's proposed that, in addition to offering priority employment placement for spouses, service members and their families would be afforded the opportunity to open a Domino's Pizza store at significant discounts. Franchise costs would be reduced from \$25,000 to only \$5000!

Domino's drafted their official ASEP application and conveyed their approval to release the proposal to the appropriate ASEP representatives.

As a credit to Brickman's steadfast pursuit in partnering Domino's Pizza, LLC with the ASEP program, he was asked to hand-carry the application to the Employment Readiness Program Managers Conference in Washington, D.C. Brickman then presented his story to other managers in hopes that they, too, could find alternate ways to explore opportunities for the program.

Domino's Pizza LLC is slated to join 30 other National enterprising companies who sponsor the ASEP program. "We partnered with a Fortune 500 Company on a local scale," explains Brickman, "and have now successfully nurtured that relationship into a nationwide roll out of a brand new ASEP member's program in which thousands of Families will be able to benefit."

For additional information, Kent Brickman can be reached at kent.brickman@us.army.mil or by phone at 586-307-4258.



Kent Brickman

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by JoAnn Bonnett
Librarian

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The Terrorist Watch: Inside the Desperate Race to Stop the Next Attack/ by *Ronald Kessler*

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Double Cross/ by *James Patterson*

Youth Center Teens Commemorate Veterans Day by Replacing Flags at Local Cemetery



Lisa Gross, 16, gives the tombstone of a departed veteran a new U.S. flag on November 10th. A total of ten teens from the Seville Manor Youth Center volunteered to replace over 900 flags in the Veterans Section of Cadillac Memorial Gardens-East, Garfield Road and Clinton River Road, Clinton Township. Lisa is the daughter of Detroit Arsenal employee Deborah and Roger Gross.

CYS Brings Programs to Local School Districts

by Wendy May

School Liaison Officer

The Selfridge School Liaison Office, part of Child & Youth Services (CYS), would like to welcome St. Anne elementary and middle school to our list of signatories. On October 24, St. Anne became the 10th Memorandum of Agreement signatory and is committed to helping military and military-connected students make an easy transition into their schools.

The School Liaison Office, along with the Middle School Director and Sports Director, is currently working on partnerships with Warren Woods schools to offer middle school and teen programs in the Detroit Arsenal vicinity once we leave Selfridge. *The Sentinel* will provide updates in future issues.

Again this year, Wendy May, School

Liaison Officer, and Tanya Blatz, Youth Sports Director, have partnered with a local elementary school to provide Adaptive P.E., physical activities for children in the special education program. Ms. May and Ms. Blatz are both eager to be involved in bi-weekly school sports with the students.



Ms. Tanya Blatz, Youth Sports Director, participates in Adaptive P.E. with children at Washington Elementary in Mt. Clemens.



A student at Washington Elementary in Mt. Clemens takes part in the Adaptive P.E. program that is provided by Child & Youth Services at Selfridge.

Mt Clemens AMVETS Gives 5th Donation for Military Families

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the local community supports the valuable work of our service members. Service members and their families within Selfridge Community and the Detroit Arsenal will greatly benefit from these wonderful donations.

This donation from the AMVETS Post 29 will support the following SCS assistance programs:

Emergency Food Program:

- Provides temporary financial assistance to families experiencing hardships that prevent them from obtaining appropriate nutritional items. Families receive gift cards to local retail stores or the installation's commissary to purchase food/personal hygiene/cleaning items. Assistance is always a grant, never a loan.

- The Holiday Basket program addresses the needs of referred families during the

Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season by providing a \$75 gift certificate for a family of four to purchase a traditional holiday meal.

Selfridge Community Relief Fund:

- The Relief Fund has helped families by granting funds to cope with emergencies. The fund has assisted with a variety of needs such as car payments, auto insurance premiums, past due utilities notices, broken appliances, assistance with relocating families in crisis and paid for hotel accommodations during housing emergencies.

Selfridge Phone Card Program:

- SCS Mobilization and Deployment Readiness Program provides prepaid calling cards to help defray the cost of communications between families and deploying service members. Phone cards

are issued at pre-deployments briefings, Family Readiness Group meetings and through our Waiting Families Program.

Selfridge Layette Program:

- The Layette Program provides a basket filled with essentials for the newborn baby (shampoo, lotion, powder, diapers, bibs, T-Shirts, receiving blankets, bottles, etc.). Baskets are made extra special with donations of individual items such as hand made quilts, afghans, puppets or soft toys.

These important services are only available due to the support of our community and our partners, such as the Mt Clemens AMVETS Post 29. These donations ensure that our military members can maintain a positive quality of life, make it through a crisis, and focus on their mission. Selfridge Community and U.S. Army Garrison Detroit are grateful the continued support



December

Weekdays (Dec. 3-19) - Power Hour/Tutoring at the Youth Center, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Call (586) 598-1770 for more info.

Weekdays (Dec. 3-14) - Letters to Santa at the Youth Center, 4-5 p.m. Call (586) 598-1770 for more info.

Monday - Saturday all month long - Reggie's Pub serves lunch, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Enjoy a toasted sub or bowl of soup. Soups of the day include Reggie's Cheese Soup on Mondays, Minestrone on Wednesdays, and Clam Chowder on Fridays. Call (586) 307-5941 for more info.

Every Tuesday this month - Sports and Teen Keystone Club at the Youth Center, 6-7 p.m. Call (586) 598-1770 for more info.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday this month - Open bowling at the Bowling Center. Call (586) 307-5941 for more information.

Every Wednesday this month - Enjoy the \$5.95 "Wild Wednesday" buffet at Mulligan's, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call (586) 307-2337 to find out what's on the menu.

Saturday, December 1 - Chapel Christmas Decorating, 9 a.m. Help beautify our Chapel. Call (586) 307-4020 for more info.

Saturday, December 1 - Youth Center Bake Sale at the Commissary and Exchange, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (586) 598-1770 for more info.

Saturday, December 1 - Music by DJ Jeff Bailey, Karaoke, and Dancing at the Bowling Center, 5 - 10 p.m. Call (586) 307-5941 for more info.

Friday, December 7 - Euchre Night at Reggie's Pub, 7 p.m. \$7 per person. Snacks available. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. For more information, please contact Terry Champion at (586) 574-3907 or terry.champion1@us.army.mil.

Saturday, December 8 - Youth Center Christmas Shopping at Great Lakes Crossing, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (586) 598-1770 for more info.

Sunday, December 9 - Christmas Tree Lighting and Cantata, 6 p.m. Call (586) 307-4020 for more info.

Saturday, December 15 - Outdoor Recreation trip to Frankenmuth, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit Michigan's Little Bavaria and its 100 different shops and attractions, such as candy makers, woodcarvers, sausage makers, leather tooling, beer brewery wool processing. Lunch is on your own. Pre-registration (through December 8) is required. Cost is \$7 per adult and \$5 per child, 5-12 years old. Please call (586) 307-5499 for more information.

Monday, December 24 - Sing Star Battle at the Youth Center, 9-11:30 a.m. Call (586) 598-1770 for more info.

Monday, December 24 - Catholic Mass at the Chapel, 5 p.m. Call (586) 307-4020 for more info.

Monday, December 24 - Bowling Center closes at 6 p.m. Call (586) 307-5941 for more info.

Monday, December 24 - Candlelight Service at the Chapel, 7 p.m. Call (586) 307-4020 for more info.

Wednesday-Saturday, December 26-29 - Dollar Days at the Bowling Center. \$1 to bowl and \$1 hot dogs. Call (586) 307-5941 for more info.

Monday, December 31 - Watchnight Service at the Chapel, 10 p.m. Come bring in the New Year God's way. Call (586) 307-4020 for more info.

Events



USAG-DTA Holds Army Family Covenant Signing Ceremony

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Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal Manager, Robert Graves, and Major General William Lenaers, Commanding General, Tank-automotive & Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command.

The first ceremony was executed at Fort Knox, Kentucky on October 17 and was used as a template for signing ceremonies worldwide. The text of the covenant appears at the end of this article.

The ceremony was immediately followed by the quarterly town hall meeting hosted by U.S. Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal Manager, Robert Graves. Graves provided an overview of the functions performed by the Garrison, comparing them to those of a landlord or city government. He also informed the audience about some of the construction projects that will occur in order to implement changes mandated by BRAC 2005. Here are a few highlights:

Construction of a new child care center at the Detroit Arsenal is scheduled to begin

in late November or early December, with a scheduled completion date of August 2008. This new facility will accommodate a capacity of 160 children and will be staffed by licensed child care personnel.

In March 2009, construction of a new parking structure and a new administration building is scheduled to begin, with expected completion no later than Aug. 2011. The admin building will provide office space for approximately 1100 associates and will be located north of building 229. The parking structure will be located north of the new admin building and west of building 219; it will provide 1800 additional parking spaces.

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* We recognize the strength of our

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School Age Services Hosts Early Thanksgiving Feast

by Tracy Hernandez
Director, School Age Services

School Age Services (SAS) thought one Thanksgiving per year is just not enough, so the SAS staff decided to kick off the Thanksgiving holiday season by holding a family feast inconjunction with the monthly Family Fun Night on November 14.

Many families from the School Age Service) SAS program including the summer camp program joined us for great food and fun games. The families participated in many fun games beginning with an icebreaker, which allowed families to interact with each other and learn something about another SAS family. In addition, they played many card games and even a game in which the families had to create as many words as they could out of the word Thanksgiving.

Ms. Gwen Gardner made a wonderful spread of food ranging from the classic turkey and mashed potatoes to greens and sweet potato casserole. There wasn't an empty stomach in the building. The turnout was great and fun was had by

all.

Hopefully everyone's Thanksgiving can

be as fun and delicious as the one put on by the SAS family.



Nicole Davis and sons Andrew (left) and Zachery enjoyed the pre-Thanksgiving family feast hosted by School Age Services at Selfridge ANGB on November 14.

Family Advocacy Hosts Domestic Abuse Prevention Seminar

by CeCe McPherson
Family Advocacy Program Manager

The Family Advocacy Program (FAP), a part of Selfridge Community Services, held its annual Domestic Abuse Prevention seminar and luncheon at Mulligan's restaurant on October 24. The keynote speaker was Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel. Additional speakers were Carmen Wargel, Turning Point shelter and Victim Advocacy services, Richard Van Daele, Therapist and Life MAP group facilitator, and Sue Stempowski, Macomb County Prosecutor's office, Victim Advocate. Each speaker shared their experiences and work in the areas of Domestic Abuse prevention. The seminar was very informative and appreciated by the forty people were in attendance.

For additional information on Domestic Abuse prevention services, please contact Cecelia McPherson, Family Advocacy Program Manager, at (586) 307-5611.



CeCe McPherson, Family Advocacy Program Manager, poses with her table of information before the seminar.

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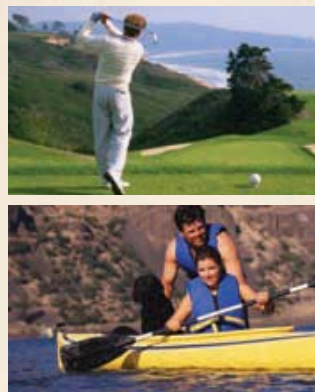
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